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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 3/17/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant argues that the Hassan reference does not teach "when communicating with only one mobile station using time-division time slots, allowing the mobile stations to keep the diversity reception, and when starting communicating with the second or further mobile station using the space division multiplex method, transmitting a diversity reception stop instruction to the one mobile station already connected", further arguing that the Hassan reference teaches the base stations/satellites performing the diversity reception, not the mobile stations. However, the end of the above limitations states "transmitting a diversity reception stop instruction to the one mobile station already connected". This does not necessarily indicate that the mobile station itself is performing the diversity reception. This part of the limitation could mean that either the mobile station, or the base station ends the diversity reception. In fact, there is no clear indication at all in this limitation that the mobile station itself receives signals using diversity reception. As the limitation is currently worded, the diversity reception stop instruction could be sent to the mobile station to instruct the mobile station, **or** in order to inform the mobile station that the base station will stop the diversity reception, the latter which is taught in the Hassan reference.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EUGENE YUN whose telephone number is (571)272-7860. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-6:00pm.

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